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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Philip A. Moore, Jr.

Serial No.: 09/729,579

Filed: December 4, 2000

For: METHODS OF TREATING MANURE

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Levy, Neil S.

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.  
The Candler Building  
127 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1811  
October 18, 2002

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2002, please consider the Amendments and Remarks that follow. Because a response was due on July 18, 2002, enclosed is a Request for Three-Month Extension of Time and a credit card payment form in the amount of \$920.00 for the requisite extension of time fee.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend Claims 1 and 9 to read as follows:

1. -- A method of treating animal manure solids, wherein the manure solids are present within a dry animal litter composition, comprising contacting the solids with an effective treatment amount of a treatment composition comprising  $\text{AlCl}_3 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot m\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , or the residue of  $\text{AlCl}_3 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot m\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , to